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*Presiding that
a telegram be despatched
to the Govt of India re-
-garding early steps being ta-
ken to confer on Mr.
Machia Smith as Govt.
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So do I. I signed on
Mr. Elliott the representative
of the Lady's decision. He
said it would be gone into to
as soon as he got back to Calcutta
from Burma, whether he was proceeding from here.
I believe he is now at Calcutta.
The Government Astronomer

24 February 1903.



Addressing Govt. regard-
ing his present position as Govt.
Astronomer.

From the papers received in 80
4 Aug 1903 as 3 it would appear
that this matter was to be discussed
with Mr. Elliott at the time of his
visit to India in December a
few days before in the time
the discussion took place.
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As per the proposal before
Mr. Michie Smith's request is
granted. No, 17 Feb
19/2/93
That Mr. Michie
Smith will be the
Director of the Solar
Physics Observatory
there can be no reasonable
doubt.

It is proposed to telegraph
the substance of this
letter to the Govt.
of India & beg that
they will take steps
to confirm Mr. Michie
Smith in his present
position & at the
same time give
him some definite
assurance that whatever
the arrangements finally
settled may be he
will not be without
emoluments at least
equal to those of
the present astronomer
namely Rs 800

Govt Astronomer

Public Dept.

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Order 22 Feb 93
The following telegram
will be despatched to the
Govt. of India:

For Revenue, Calcutta.

For your 3578 twenty
first December. Michie
Smith represents he
must return Christian
College and India or give
reasonable notice of
resignation from them.
This Govt. urges steps
may be taken to confirm
him in present position
and also give him
definite assurance
that whatever finally
arranged he will not
be without emoluments
at least equal to those
of present astronomer
-ship namely 800 rupees
per annum. Important
& early decision was
impressed on Mr. Elliott
Please wire early order
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1 from Mr. P. S. S.
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but with an expression by the College Council of their hope that no farther extension would be asked for.

3. Under these circumstances I feel that I am now in a very difficult position, for, at the end of June, I must either return to the College or else resign my appointment. The latter I would gladly do if assured of a permanent appointment here but without this assurance I cannot afford to do so. In view of the fact that the Indian Observatories Committee has strongly recommended my appointment as Director of Solar Physics Observations and that the Solar Physics Committee has expressed its willingness to accept my appointment as such, I venture to suggest that the Secretary of State might be moved to give a very early decision on the subject.

4. Though I have leave till the end of June, I ought if I am then to resign my professorship in the Christian College to give reasonable notice of this intention to the College Council so as to enable them to fill my place. At present my place is temporarily filled by a gentleman who came out on an engagement for one year but who has consented to stay for the other
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six months for which I have obtained leave. I understand however that he cannot remain longer on a temporary appointment. The matter is therefore very urgent and I trust this will be held a sufficient excuse for my troubling you on the subject.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your most obedt. servant,

C. Nicolson Smith

Offg. Asst. Astronomer.

Madras, 14th February 1893.

FROM

THE GOVERNMENT ASTRONOMER,

Madras.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Department,
Fort St George.

SIR,

I have the honor to address you on the subject of my present position here with the view that if the Government sees fit a representation may be made to the Government of India on the subject.

2. At the close of 1891, I pointed out to Government that I could not perform the duties of both Professor of Physics in the Christian College and Government astronomer for any considerable time, and offered to obtain leave from the College if I could be assured that I would hold my present appointment for 12 months. This was agreed to by the Government of India and I accordingly took leave from the College till the close of 1892. When my leave had nearly expired I, on my own responsibility, applied for an extension of leave for 6 months, and this was granted.

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Dear Mr Galton

In sending you the accor.
official letter I wish to say that I have
been informed D.O. through Mr.
Glover the Government of India
would be glad to see my appointment
confirmed & that they would
be glad to have their hands strengthened
by being addressed by the
Government of Madras as to
the need for a speedy decision.

Yours sincerely
Christie Smith.